



MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWNTOWN?

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership hosts some key events each year, most notably the [Celebrate Mansfield Festival](#), but did you know there's something fun happening downtown every week?

In addition to the great restaurants and shops in Storrs Center, there are museums, theaters, recreational opportunities, and natural areas to enjoy in our downtown, which stretches from UConn to Liberty Bank and from the Mansfield Community Center to [Storrs Center](#).

A quick look at the Partnership's [Event Calendar](#) illustrates the diversity of fun waiting for you:

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, enjoy some a cappella music with your frozen yogurt as [Froyoworld](#) plays host to the [UConn Chordials](#). They'll perform at 8:00 pm. Mention "UConn Chordials" at the register, and 20% of your purchase will be donated to the group's fundraiser.

It's a dog's day on Saturday, Oct. 18 when the Partnership presents the "[Mansfield Pup Crawl!](#)" Four-legged friends and their companions will enjoy a 1.7 mile walk around the downtown. (See page 2 of this newsletter for details.)

Things get spooky on Friday, Oct. 24 when the E. O. Smith High School [Drama Club](#) opens their production of [Dracula](#) at 7:30 pm. There will be three performances over the weekend—just in time to get you ready for Halloween!

Speaking of Halloween, Mansfield ghouls and goblins are invited to Trick-or-Treat downtown from 4:00—5:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 25. Enjoy treats from the downtown businesses, then head over to the [Mansfield Community Center](#) to continue the fun! The Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Halloween Party and Trick-a-Trunk begins at 5:00 pm.

This is just a small sample of the fun that awaits you downtown. In fact, in October, there are activities open to the public almost every day! Be sure to check the Partnership's [Event Calendar](#) regularly to see what's happening downtown. ♦



MANSFIELD PUP CRAWL: SATURDAY, OCT. 18

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites residents and visitors to the [Mansfield Pup Crawl](#) on Saturday, Oct. 18. Participants and their four-legged friends will meet on the Town Square at 9:30 AM for a guided walk through Downtown Storrs. The walk will be approximately 1.7 miles and will conclude at the Town Square at approximately 11:00 AM. A suggested donation of \$20 will benefit the Friends of Mansfield Animal Shelter.

The Mansfield Pup Crawl provides a great opportunity to check out the latest developments in Storrs Center, meet new friends, and enjoy a pleasant walk with your dog(s). There will be stops along the way, which will take participants through the downtown, into the Albert E. Moss Sanctuary, and onto the UConn campus.

Following the dog walk, participants are encouraged to stay and enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants in Storrs Center. Volunteers will be on-hand to watch the dogs as participants place their orders. Several restaurants offer outdoor seating, and additional seating is available on the Town Square.

All dogs must be on a leash and up-to-date with their shots. Participants are asked to be prepared to clean up after their dog(s) as needed. The Mansfield Pup Crawl will take place rain or shine.

Parking in the Storrs Center Garage is free for the first two hours and \$1 per hour thereafter, with a daily maximum charge of \$8. The Dog Lane Parking Lot offers free parking with a 2 hour limit. Handicapped parking is available in these locations as well.

The Friends of Mansfield Animal Shelter is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2001 to provide support for the Mansfield Animal Control facility and their animals. The Mansfield Animal Shelter is a municipal shelter for the Town of Mansfield that offers a clean facility with helpful and knowledgeable staff. All pets receive medical attention, are checked for parasites and are groomed; pets old enough are spayed and neutered before they leave the shelter. To learn more about the Friends of Mansfield Animal Shelter, please visit them on [Facebook](#) or refer to the Animal Control page on the Town's website, www.mansfieldct.gov. ♦

CELEBRATE MANSFIELD FESTIVAL

Despite a soggy morning, the Celebrate Mansfield Festival on Sunday, September 21 was a success! The Celebrate Mansfield Parade kicked off the festivities with hundreds of marchers joining the E. O. Smith High School Band and the UConn Marching Band. The Parade led the way down Storrs Road to the Town Square, where nearly 100 community groups and businesses hosted booths with hands-on fun for all ages. Thousands of residents and friends enjoyed food by Mansfield restaurants and musical performances by Kidsville Kuckoo Revue and [Humming House](#).

Many thanks to our [Sponsors](#), all of our participants, and the 175+ volunteers! And, special thanks to [Kim Bova](#) for the great photos (see page 3) documenting the first Festival on the new Town Square! ♦

TRICK-OR-TREAT!

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center will host Trick-or-Treating downtown on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 4:00—5:00 pm. Enjoy treats from the downtown businesses, then head over to the [Mansfield Community Center](#) to continue the fun! The Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Halloween Party and Trick-a-Trunk begins at 5:00 pm. ♦



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UPCOMING DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Oct 2 - Oct 12

[Olives and Blood](#), CT Repertory Theatre, Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre; Tickets and info: crt.uconn.edu

Monday, Oct 13

Poetry Slam, 7.00 PM, Hosted by [Poetic Release](#) at the [UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center](#), Free and open to the public

Tuesday, Oct 14

[UConn Chordials](#) at [Froyoworld](#), 8.00 PM, Mention "UConn Chordials" to receive 20% off purchase

Wednesday, Oct 15

Live Music Wednesday: Thread City String Band, 5.00 - 7.00 PM, [Storrs Center](#), Free and open to the public

Wednesday, Oct 15

[Fall Puppet Forum](#): Amy Trompetter & (not4)Prophet, 7.30 PM, [Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry](#)
Free and open to the public

Wednesday, Oct 15

[Poetry Reading: Jared Demick](#), 6.00 PM, [UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center](#), Free and open to the public

Saturday, Oct 18

[Mansfield Pup Crawl](#), 9.30 - 11.00 AM, On the Town Square, Suggested donation of \$20 to benefit the Friends of Mansfield Animal Shelter, Rain or shine

Wednesday, Oct 22

Live Music Wednesday: Patty Tuite & Wild Bill, 5.00 - 7.00 PM, [Storrs Center](#), Free and open to public

Oct 23 - Nov 2

[Cloud 9](#), CT Repertory Theatre, Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre; Tickets and info: crt.uconn.edu

Oct 24 - Oct 25

[Dracula](#), EOS [Drama Club](#), E. O. Smith High School, Tickets: Call 860.429.2179 or [email](#) the Drama Club

Saturday, Oct 25

TRICK-OR-TREAT in [Storrs Center](#), 4.00 - 5.00 PM, Free and open to the public

Wednesdays

[Board Game Night](#), 6.00 PM, [Friendly Fire Game Center](#), Free and open to the public

Thursdays

[UConn Jazz Night](#), 7.00 PM, [UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center](#), Free and open to the public

Saturdays

[Storrs Farmers Market](#), 3.00 - 6.00 PM, Mansfield Town Hall, Rain or shine



Find more events info on the Partnership's Events Calendar (mansfieldct.gov/DowntownEventsCalendar)